

REMARKS

Applicants' representative appreciates his discussion with Examiner Liang and Examiner Corrielus on April 22nd. Applicants' representative looks forward to working with Examiner Liang and Examiner Corrielus in reaching agreement on allowable subject matter.

II. OBJECTIONS

The objections to claims 29 and 30 have been obviated by appropriate amendment.

III. - IV. 35 USC § 112

The specification describes exemplary embodiments of weather forecasting systems and methods. The weather based decision making embodiments compare a user profile with forecasted weather information to provide a user with a suggested time and/or location for an activity. See pg. 1, lines 22 - 25. In the embodiments, the time and location "are within the parameter selections made by the user." See pg. 2, lines 5 and 6. These parameter selections may be entered as a discreet time (3:00 PM), a discreet date (Saturday, May 25, 2001), a range of temperatures, or maximums or minimums of humidity for a given time and location. See pg. 6, lines 19 - 21.

Because the specification shows that the Applicants had possession of the "clock time(s)" and "times during a day" limitations at the time the application was filed, Applicants request withdrawal of this rejection. Applicants appreciate Examiner Liang's suggestion to add these limitations to the claims during Applicants' initial interview.

V. - VI. 35 USC § 112

The rejection of claims 14, 35 - 37 have been obviated by appropriate amendment.

VIII. 35 USC § 103

Claims 1 - 37 are related to a method or system for making weather based decisions. These methods and systems provide the user with a suggested future time during the day, a date, and a suggested location.

The combined Murphy¹ and Bridal references describe a user specific real-time weather information source for compiling time varying weather conditions relating to a future event. The combined disclosures describe a system that provides three different services. Bridal, pg. 1, 4th ¶. If a user inputs a date; the system provide a weather forecast; if a user inputs a location and a preferred weather forecast, the system provides favorable dates; and if a user inputs dates and a preferred weather forecast, the system provides a location. Bridal, pg. 1, 5th ¶.

#	INPUT	OUTPUT
1.	Date	Forecast
2.	Location & Preferred Weather	Dates
3.	Dates & Preferred Weather	Location

The combined disclosure does not provide a time of day, a date, and a location. Accordingly, the Murphy and Bridal and references alone or in combination do not render the claimed subject matter obvious.

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

IX. 35 USC § 103

Claims 16 and 36 are related to a method or system for making weather based decisions. These methods and systems provide the user with a suggested future time during the day, a date, and a suggested location.

For the reasons provided above, Murphy, in view of Bridal, and further in view of Trombley render the claimed subject matter obvious.

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

¹ Murphy does not teach providing the user with a future time during the day, a date, and a suggested location based on a user input. Paper # 15, pg. 4, Item 8.

X. 35 USC § 103

Claims 18, 27, and 31 are related to a method or system for making weather based decisions. These methods and systems provide the user with a suggested future time during the day, a date, and a suggested location.

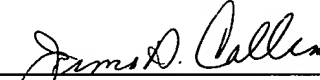
For the reasons provided above, Murphy, in view of Bridal, and further in view of Kelly render the claimed subject matter obvious.

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of this rejection.

XI. CONCLUSION

In view of the remarks and amendments above, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance. If any issues remain, Applicants request that the Examiner call the undersigned to expedite the allowance of this application.

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